

**CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM
WATER QUALITY GOAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM**

October 13, 2015 CONFERENCE CALL

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1:00 Welcome/Confirm Call Participants/Workgroup Updates – Jenn Volk, Chair

Jenn will ask for volunteers to serve on a small planning committee to assist with organizing topics for the December 14-15 WQGIT Face-to-Face meeting at NCTC in Shepherdstown, WV.

1:10 Agriculture Workgroup Membership Definition – John Rhoderick and Kristen Saacke-Blunk, AgWG Co-Chairs

Decision Requested: The WQGIT will be asked to approve the Agriculture Workgroup's proposed membership definition. The membership definition was developed per the recently finalized Governance Protocol for the WQGIT and its Workgroups.

1:20 Analysis of Trends in Criteria Attainment – Mindy Ehrich, UMCES

Mindy will describe water quality attainment patterns and trends within each Chesapeake Bay segment and broken down by designated use.

1:50 GAMs Development Briefing – Rebecca Murphy, UMCES

Rebecca will provide a status update on the General Additive Models (GAMs) method for detecting and describing trends in estuarine waters.

2:20 Trends in Loads from WRTDS – Joel Blomquist and Doug Moyer, USGS

Joel and Doug will provide an introduction to the upcoming release of trends in nutrient and sediment loads. This update will serve as a primer for the full results that USGS will present at the December WQGIT meeting.

2:35 Water Quality Criteria Addendum and STAC Review – Peter Tango, USGS

Peter will review the revised version of the addendum and the process and schedule for the STAC review.

3:05 Provisional Ag BMP Panel Updates – Mark Dubin, UMD

Mark will present provisional expert panel updates for the following panels to the WQGIT:

- Cover Crops
- Conservation Tillage

- Nutrient Management
- Manure Injection and Incorporation

The update is intended to inform WQGIT members of the current direction of the Panel as they work towards developing their final reports, which are due in the Spring of 2016.

4:00 Adjourn